

June 24.

# MACKEREL MEN ARE DELIGHTED

## Shore Prospects Bright—Pound Tinkers School From Cape Ann to Chatham— Several Fares In—Blinks in Harbor.

Tinker mackerel are schooling all the way from Middle Bank to Chatham, so the incoming seining arrivals at Boston report this morning. A total of seven crafts arrived there during the night with fresh fares, totaling 18,000 pounds in all.

The fares in detail are:

Sch. Terranova, 5000 pounds fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. A. B. Nickerson, 12,000 pounds fresh tinker mackerel.

Str. Water Witch, 2000 lbs. fresh tinker mackerel.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, 5000 pounds fresh tinker mackerel.

Str. Orion, 2500 pounds fresh tinker mackerel.

Str. Venture, 840 pounds fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Charles A. Dyer, 5000 pounds fresh tinker mackerel.

The tinkers are running large, some of them going a pound each. The wholesale dealers paid 4 1/2-4 cents and 5 cents a pound for them this morning.

A message to the Times this noon states that schs. Esperanto, Capt. Ambrose Fleet and Clintonia, Capt. Fred Carritt are at Boston, the former with 5000 mixed fresh mackerel and the latter with 12,000 fresh tinkers.

### Struck School Off Whistler.

Several of the gasliners struck mackerel off here mixed among the pollock. The fish were mixed, steamers Bessie A. having 517 fish; Mystery, 47; Quartette, 100. They were purchased by A. Cooney & Company, 25 cents each for large, 15 cents for medium and five cents a pound for tinkers.

Steamer Geisha struck a school off the whistling buoy yesterday afternoon, counting out 3000 fish, which sold to the Gloucester Fish Company at 4 1/2-2 cents apiece.

One of the Italian boats at the Fort took a school of 70 barrels of blinks, or spikes, out in the bay, disposing of 50 barrels to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company while the remainder went to Boston.

### Blinks in the Harbor.

For the first time in several years, blinks are making their appearance in the harbor. Small pods of these fish have been seen during the early evening schooling outside of wharves in the inner harbor, which is taken as an indication that the fish are running close in shore.

### Sloop Made Good Haul.

Purely by accident, the little Maine gasoline sloop Gladys came upon a school of mackerel off Cod ledges Sunday morning around it in time to net 30 barrels, the first local catch of any size that has yet been brought in at Portland. She sold her trip as soon as she arrived Sunday afternoon to F. S. Willard, and it weighed 600 pounds. The fish were tinkers and mediums of about equal number.

Most of the mosquito fleet was out

all day Sunday, and up to early evening none had returned and it was reported that some of them were chasing mackerel schools.

### Good Hauls Near Halifax.

The mackerel run has passed up the shore and those taken now are the stragglers after the main school, which arrived off the harbor two weeks ago. Six thousand medium sized fish were taken in traps at Shad Bay Wednesday and yesterday 2,500 in count were the catch off Prospect Harbor. These latter were landed at the North Atlantic Fisheries wharf last night.—Halifax Herald, June 20.

### Second Run of Mackerel.

The second run of mackerel last week was very profitable to many of the local fishermen at Port Malcolm, Lennox Passage, St. Peters and Guysboro Bays, as large quantities were caught by them and sold at a fair price.

### Magdalen Catch 3000 Barrels.

Considerable bodies of mackerel have appeared along the Nova Scotia southern coast at various points, those caught being of medium size, running about 275 fish to the barrel. At Isaac's Harbor, Whitehead and L'Ardoise, there has been a fair quantity taken and there is still some scattering fish being secured. These, with the 3000 barrels reported taken at Magdalen Islands, will give a larger total catch than for some years previously. There has been no sales made to date and prices of salt mackerel have yet to be determined. The probabilities are that Boston will pay about eleven dollars per barrel against eight dollars at Halifax.

### P. E. I. Mackerel Notes.

Tignish, P. E. I., June 17—Unusually rough and stormy weather has prevented fishermen from hauling or setting their mackerel nets. There appears to be quite a body of mackerel from East Point around North Cape and as far as Mininigash. At the latter place some good catches were made. Only 1 to 2 per cent. run medium; remainder large.

### Foreign Mackerel.

While no changes in price have been announced, says the Fishing Gazette, it is said that Norways are firm, while Irish mackerel are rather easy at the quotations. No features of interest have been reported.

A dispatch for Dingle, Ireland, dated June 7, says: "There were about 10,000 mackerel landed here this week. Of these, about 1000 were cured, and the remainder either canned or sent to fresh markets. Cured mackerel will count 400 to a packed barrel."

### Porto Rico Market.

We have to report a steady market with maintained values at the three ports. Medium codfish sell at \$32, ex-dock, and at about \$32.50 in smaller quantities ex-store. Large codfish continue very scarce and find ready sale at \$35. The prices of pollock and haddock vary between \$22.50 to \$21.50 per drum "net ex wharf."—Reported by S. Ramirez & Co.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Conqueror arrived at Liverpool Friday last and cleared for fishing.

## SCHOLARS HELP GOD HELP THE POOR FISHERMAN!

Says the Portland Express and Advertiser, editorially:

"The sinking of the schooner Olympia by the steamship Sagamore was a sad affair. It is no unusual thing for some fishing vessel to be cut down by an ocean liner, but the fact that in this case the captain and a part of the crew were Portland men brings it nearer home. In Gloucester such stories are old, and always fraught with sorrow to someone. Unfortunately the most desirable fishing grounds lie directly in the ocean lanes traversed by the transatlantic steamships. The navigators of both types of vessels know this. Both use every precaution. Yet just about so often some such tragedy as that enacted this week seems inevitable. In clear weather the dangers are slight for lights indicate the positions of both steamships and fishing schooners. In thick weather, however, particularly when the wind is blowing hard enough to drown the sound of the fishermen's bell, foghorn or "squawker," his safety becomes very much a matter of luck.

"Through the blackness of the night comes the shriek of a siren, its shrill blast rendering impotent any efforts the fishermen may make to send back an answering signal with their breath-blow horns. A gleam of dully glowing lights from ports on the rushing black hull for one brief moment throw into relief under the giant prow the small schooner. A crash, a splintering of wood, and God help the poor fisherman!

It all seems so pitiful and so needless, too. What matters it that their vessel is one of the staunchest of the Gloucester fleet, that their captain is one of the ablest that ever clasped hands with a wheel spoke, that each and every member of the sturdy crew knows every whim of the sea and how to humor it? Up there in the darkness of the night and the fog over the Grand Banks all this staunchness of vessel, this ability of its men, counts for naught. The ocean liner snuffs them out with as little effort as a brick thrown from the wharf destroys the shingle yacht of the small boy. Just as long as the fishermen jog their craft back and forth over the fishing banks in the night, just so long will such marine disasters as the sinking of the Olympia be recorded. It is all a part of the life of the Banks fisherman."

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in connection with races international yacht races will be held, the course being from Sandy Hook through the Panama Canal to San Francisco.

A widely known motor manufacturing company is figuring on entering hydroplanes in the races, and if the firm is unable to develop a craft suited to so long a voyage it plans on giving exhibition and passenger flights over San Francisco Bay during the period of the exhibition, which runs from February 20 to December 4.

The canal marathon will be but one of the many attractions to be offered by the exposition in which motor boats

## SANDY HOOK TO GOLDEN GATE

### A Motor Boat Race Planned Through Canal When the Exposition Opens.

Motor boat races from Sandy Hook and Chicago through the Panama Canal to the Golden Gate, in which the highest speed motor boats of the world will compete, will be one of the most interesting of the series of events in connection with a sports program of international interest to be held under the auspices of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco in 1915.

These will be the longest races on record and will be the longest voyages

## THE SAGAMORE IS LIBELLED

### Usual Action Taken Following Collision In Which Sch. Olympia Was Sunk.

The Warren liner Sagamore which rammed the fishing sch. Olympia of this port on the morning of June 17, a week ago today, when six of her crew lost their lives, has been libelled in the sum of \$10,000. The agents of the steamer have filed a bond covering the amount of attachment, so that no keeper will be placed aboard the steamer and she will leave for Liverpool upon her regular schedule tomorrow.

Immediately upon learning the details of the accident and after securing depositions from her survivors, the usual steps were taken as is customary in such proceedings, towards libelling the craft. The claim against the steamer simply covers the value of the craft and her outfit. What action will be taken by the families and relatives of the men is not known.



# ARRIVALS HERE TODAY

**new Fresh Mackerel, Pollock and Bluebacks Brought in Yesterday Afternoon.**

It was a pretty quiet morning at this port this morning, not an off shore arrival being reported up to yesterday afternoon, steamer Mystery landed 900 fresh mackerel at the port and steamer Unknown a trip of pollock from pollock seining. A number of the gasoliers outside will probably show up during the afternoon. Steamer Advance took 30 barrels of bluebacks which were landed here this forenoon.

**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**  
The arrivals and receipts in detail are:  
Str. Unknown, Pollock seining, 10,000 lbs. fresh pollock.  
Str. Mystery, seining, 900 fresh mackerel.  
Str. Advance, seining, 30 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

**Vessels Sailed.**  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, Cape Porpoise, Maine.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

**Salt Fish.**  
Handline Georges codfish, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium, \$1.25; snappers, \$3.  
Drift codfish, large, \$1.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.75.  
Cape North codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50; snappers, \$2.50.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75.  
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.  
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.  
Hake, \$1.50.  
Pollock, \$1.50.  
Haddock, \$1.50.  
Plitched halibut, 8 3-4c per lb.  
Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$12 per bbl.

**Fresh Fish.**  
Splitting prices:  
Haddock, 90c per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$2; snappers, 75c.  
Peak cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Cape North cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, 90c.  
Cusk, large, \$1.40; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.  
Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 70c.

Fresh herring, \$3 per bbl, for bait; \$1.50 to salt; \$1.60 to freezer.  
Fresh shad, \$2.30 per bbl.  
Fresh mackerel, 25c each for large, 15c for medium, 4 1/2c each for tinkers.  
Fresh bluebacks, \$2.50 per bbl, for bait; \$1 to freezer; 75c to salt.  
Bank halibut, 12c for white, 9c for gray.

## The Aboriginal Fish.

An amphibious fish, which is able to live for months out of water and which is believed to be the connecting link between aqueous and terrestrial life, was discovered recently by Dr. Joseph A. Clubb in the Gambian region of Africa. The creature, known as the lung-fish, was sent to the American Museum of Natural History in exchange from the Public Museum of Liverpool.

In appearance the lung-fish suggests a queer, thick-bellied eel, and its lateral fins are a strange set of flappers, which are fashioned like crude legs or hands. The fins may be used for grasping or locomotion either on land or water. When discovered the fish was coiled in a kind of cocoon deeply sunken in a large clod of earth which months before had been the bottom of a dried up stream. The fish breathes on land and respies in water and is said by scientists to be the primitive form of all life, both animal and human.

# TOPSAIL GIRL BEGINS AGAIN

**Last Season's Record Holder at T Wharf Today With Swordfish.**

Besides the half dozen fresh mackerel fares at T wharf this morning, the wholesale dealers had 14 groundfish trip and one swordfisherman, which was ample to supply the demands of the trade.

The largest fares reported were schs. Josie and Phoebe, 50,000 pounds; Manhasset, 48,000 pounds; Natalie J. Nelson, 43,000 pounds; Nettie Franklin, 40,000 pounds; steamer Spray 73,000 pounds.

The down east sch, Topsail Girl from Georges had 88 swordfish, which had not sold up to 9 o'clock.

Wholesalers paid \$1.85 to \$2.50 a hundred weight for haddock, \$5 for large cod, \$2 for market cod, \$1 to \$3 for hake, \$1.75 for pollock and 12 cents a pound for halibut.

## Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Nettie Franklin, 35,000 haddock, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Hattie A. Hutchings, 1000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 2000 pollock.  
Str. Spray, 33,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.  
Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 41,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 21,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 5000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 12,000 hake.  
Sch. Manhasset, 28,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.  
Sch. Philip P. Manter, 12,000 haddock, 4500 cod.  
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 26,000 haddock, 7500 cod.  
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 4000 haddock, 26,000 cod, 13,000 hake.  
Sch. Good Luck, 2400 haddock, 7800 cod.  
Sch. Virginia, 2500 haddock, 12,000 cod.  
Sch. Georgianna, 2300 cod, 3000 pollock.  
Olivia Sears, 1900 cod, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Topsail Girl, 88 swordfish.  
Str. Joanna, 2000 fresh small mackerel.  
Str. Thelma, 6000 fresh mixed mackerel.  
Str. Robert and Edwin, 6000 fresh small mackerel.  
Sch. Arthur James, 5000 fresh small mackerel.  
Sch. Little Fannie, 10,000 fresh small mackerel.  
Sch. Alert, 60 bbls. fresh small mackerel.  
Haddock, \$1.85 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1 to \$3; pollock, \$1.75; halibut, 12 cents for white and gray; and fresh small mackerel, 3 1-2 cts. per lb.

# FISHERS FIGHT AT PORTLAND

It cost Edwin J. Webber \$10 and the costs of court to bite off Theodore H. Newcomb's nose and throw it into Portland harbor, that fine having been imposed by Judge Merrill in the Portland municipal court Saturday after Webber had pleaded guilty of having committed an assault on Newcomb.

Webber belongs in Cape Elizabeth and is a fisherman on the sloop Minerva. Newcomb is a Chebeague island fisherman. The two got into an argument on one of the wharves which developed in a bloody battle. By-standers tried to separate the combatants but they insisted on fighting it out. When opportunity offered Webber caught Newcomb's nose in his teeth bit off a large piece and threw it into the water. This was too much for the spectators who interfered and stopped the fight. The affair was reported to the police, and two officers went to the vessel to which both men had gone and arrested them. Newcomb's wound was dressed by a physician at police headquarters. The physician said Newcomb would be disfigured for life.

Both men appeared in court Saturday. No charge was made against Newcomb, who was present only as a witness against Webber. Webber offered no defence, but he said he had been drinking and did not know what happened.

# SALT FISH FAIR AT TRADE PRESENT

Trade is fair in most lines of salt fish, but no developments of interest are noted, says the Fishing Gazette. Prices are reported along the line, with a very firm all American Porto Rico advances on medium. Codfish find, both large and let on jobbing orders. Is a steady out.

The following firms in Alaska, some of them are mild curing extensive scale: Columbia and North-ern Fishing & Packing Co., R. H. Thompson, Abercrombie Co., R. H. liam Norman. It is said that mild curing will be carried on extensively on the Sound this year on extensively Week-old dispatches.

Scotia ports state that from Nova catches of cod light bait is scarce, and prospects poor.

The Norwegian fishin considerable increase. Lag shows a con-this year's catch of cod figures give fish. Though far below last year's big catch, this year will be above the average.

Says the last "Trade Review:" "We believe that there is a review." "We on the Newfoundland coast fish ashore at any similar period forst today than oldest fishermen are, 10 years. The despondent over the corowever, not fails. They recall seaadition of aff-able when the codfish anons innume-in together, and when sul caplin came sons ensued. Under the successful sea-tions the voyage can not new condi-in a shorter period." w be secured

# N. F. TO HELP LABRADOR MEN

It is reported that the W fishery is very poor all Western cod coast from Cape Broyle to along the Lobsters are nowhere in sight Bonne Bay.

The government is doing to aid the Labrador fishermen in their work. This summer there will be three steamers plying on the coast—the Kyle, Invermore and Stella Maris. In addition to having adequate hospital facilities, the fishermen will be able to keep in touch with St. John's by wireless.

Over one hundred motor boats have been purchased this year by New-foundlanders. They will be used both in the shore and Labrador fisheries.

## Lockeport, Fishing Notes.

Most of the Lockeport vessels are still out. Several of the smaller boats were out and made a total catch of 50,503 pounds of mixed fish. In addition there were also 392 halibut, 16 mackerel and 482 salmon, the latter being caught at Jordan and sold in Lockeport.

On Sunday the Aelyone, Captain Penney, arrived and reported 12,000 pounds halibut. These were unloaded on Monday, and a large portion of them shipped to Boston.

The Lily M. Hodge, Capt. James Benham, returned from her seining and will go out again immediately for pollock.

The Lockeport Cold Storage Com-pany's trap at Blue Island has taken a few herring. Captain Ross Enslow of West Green Harbor took the first bait from the new trap.

Two hundred quintals of dried fish were shipped last week to the West Indies by the Lockeport Cold Storage Company.

Between 300 and 400 quintals of fish have been dried during the last ten days by the Cold Storage.

The Togo, Capt. E. Locke, arrived with 25 quintals of mixed salt fish and 200 pounds fresh halibut.

The Julia Opp, Capt. G. Benham, arrived from Halifax and will prepare to go out shack-fishing.

The Nellie Viola, Capt. J. T. McKenzie, is back from Canso and will proceed to go out for pollock.

The Lulu, Capt. George Blades, will also go shack fishing after being painted during the next few days.

## Alaska Fisheries Grow.

The fisheries of Alaska will some day be the greatest in the world, according to the Fishing Gazette editor-ially. At present they yield about \$10,000,000 a year. Alaska is capable of producing food supplies to support a teeming population. But there are only 35,000 people in its vast expanse. These love Alaska with an intensity of patriotism that could not have been aroused by a land less favored.



# A BILL FOR DOGFISH EXTERMINATION

## Maine Senator Wants Federal Bounty and Reduction Works.

It is difficult to interest an agriculturist in any plan to separate members of the shark family from their native element. So, too, is it something of a task to keep a fisherman up beyond his customary retiring hour with a scheme to make corn grow taller and ears plumper.

But when you can show farmer and fishermen that they have a common interest in a matter, that what benefits one will benefit the other, tangible results are possible.

Up hill as has been the fight to secure some sort of legislation that would offer a remedy for the great menace the shark family undoubtedly is to our fisheries, it looks now as if the people are coming to realize the necessity of conserving the food fishes of the sea.

A bill was introduced in the Senate recently by Senator Johnson of Maine, which covers the ground pretty thoroughly and which already has attracted considerable attention. It was read twice and then referred to the committee on fisheries in whose hands it now is. The bill provides a federal bounty of not less than 2 cents each, or a purchase price of not less than \$8 per ton of two thousand pounds, for dogfish and other unutilized members of the shark family.

The bill also provides for from 25 to 100 federal reduction works between Eastport and Cape Hatteras

and locates them as follows: At Eastport, Cutler, Jonesport, Milbridge, Stonington, Vinal Haven, Boothbay, Monhegan, Elm Island, near Orrs Island, Bangs or Stave Islands in Casco Bay, Wood Island, Cape Porpoise. Also at Portsmouth, Newburyport, Gloucester, Boston Bay, Cape Cod, Nantucket, Woods Hole and at other such places southward as may be designated by proper federal authorities.

The fertilizer plants are to be operated through government appropriations, while the fertilizers to be sold direct to the farmers of the United States at the gross cost of production. It is believed the plan if carried out will prove at least self-supporting, and the assumption is that that would satisfy the government which naturally would not undertake such a thing for purposes of revenue. Attention is called to the success of the rendering plants in Canada, conducted along similar lines, and which have now been in operation for several years.

The introduction of the bill was apparently timely and if it comes up for action in the Fall there should be a preponderance of late evidence in its favor. Reports from all along the coast are that never in the history of the fisheries have the dogfish and other sharks been found in such numbers as at present.

The big encroachment of dogfish does not as a rule occur until July when the waters are warming up. Heretofore this has given the small boat fishermen a good chance to carry on profitable fishing through June. This year, however, a great invasion of sharks has preceded the annual dogfish visitation and so destructive have the ugly marauders been to gear that many fishermen have given up their occupation until conditions become more favorable.—Portland Evening Express & Daily Advertiser.

# THE TINKERS ARE STILL SHOWING

## Six of Seining Fleet at T Wharf With Fares Today.

Six more fresh mackerel fares were on hand at T wharf, Boston, this morning, mostly tinkers, which the seining fleet have been finding to the southward the past few days.

They are as follows:  
 Str. Joanna, 2000 fresh mackerel.  
 Str. Thelma, 6000 fresh mackerel.  
 Str. Robert and Edwin, 6000 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Arthur James, 5000 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Little Fannie, 10,000 fresh mackerel.  
 Sch. Alert, 60 bbls. fresh mackerel.  
 The dealers paid 3 1-2 cents a pound for them this morning.  
 Heath's trap at Manchester took

seven barrels of large tinkers last night, which were brought down here, but had not sold at noon.

Yesterday afternoon, steamer Mystery took 900 large tinkers off Thacher's.

Large fresh mackerel iced are counting 66 to a barrel, mediums 80 and tinkers, 175. Blinks average from six to eight in count to a pound, varying according to size.

### Across Ocean With Crew of Three.

The Ketch R. Fabricius, Capt. Hansen, sailed from St. John's, N. F., May 11, bound for Oporto with 2,336 quintals of fish. She is one of the smallest crewed vessels to cross the Atlantic, carrying only three—the captain, a seaman and the cook.

### Looking Over Glue Plant.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Brooks spent three days of last week in visiting the Glue Plant. Mr. Brooks, who is connected with the Russia Cement Company, Gloucester, came on business with Mr. W. H. Hodge, Shelburne Gazette.

### New Craft For Handling.

A 41-ton vessel was recently launched from the yard of W. C. McKay & Son, of Shelburne, N. S. She was built for McKenzie Bower, of Jordan Ferry, and will be used as a handliner.

## June 25.

### Pensacola Arrivals.

Arrivals at Pensacola for the week, ending June 15, were:

	Snappers.	Groupers
Albert Geiger, .....	3,670	1,825
Emelia Enos, .....	5,920	2,015
Seaconnet, .....	15,810	3,035
Ruth A. Welles, .....	6,565	1,000
Mary E. Cooney, .....	18,390	3,605
Alcina, .....	9,805	2,595
Priscilla, .....	9,230	4,220
Ida S. Brooks, .....	8,175	3,605
Cavalier, .....	6,500	1,000
Ida M. Silva, .....	16,310	1,225
Ariola, .....	9,990	8,265
C. H. Colt, .....	10,800	8,000
Mineola, .....	14,685	13,650
Emma Jane, .....	5,865	5,175

### Much Halibut In Cold Storage.

It is said that one West Coast firm has over 10,000,000 pounds of halibut in cold storage. Opening prices on frozen halibut are expected to be as low as last year, if not lower.

### Herring Sold Lost.

The sch. Shamrock, which went ashore off White Point, Canso, June 8, was a total loss. She had 1100 bbls. of herring aboard, which were insured, as was the schooner.

# COLLISIONS VS FOG SIGNALS

The following communication to the Boston Transcript will be of much interest here:

"Replying to your editorial of the 19th, it is extraordinary that we see so much written about the uncertainty of the fog signals and yet, especially in Boston, very little is said about the certainty of the submarine signal.

"Boston is the birthplace of the submarine signal and it is just as sure and certain and reliable in the fog as at any other time.

"If the Olympia had had a submarine bell and been ringing it and assuming that the Sagamore had a receiving apparatus, the signal could have been heard—fog or no fog.

"It seems to me that, apart from saying a good word for a Boston concern that has done a great work all over the world and thus far with no adequate return to those public-spirited citizens who originally went into it from their love of the sea and their desire to minimize disaster, we should at least emphasize the fact that there are reliable fog signals rather than to dwell on the deficiency of air signals, viz: the steam whistle, whose days are numbered. The public should know more of this submarine signal.

"The fishing vessels that go to the banks do not carry the submarine bell—not even the small hand bell, so as to locate the dories which leave their vessels and constantly get lost; yet at a trifling expense they could do so and not only hear with certainty the dory's signal, but get its direction absolutely and go to the men and pick them up.

"It must be five years ago that I spent a day on one of our harbor pilot boats and in a dense fog when we could not pick up the powerful air fog horn on Boston lightship, which you refer to, and for the same reason you mention, viz: the unreliability of the air signal. We, however, stepped below into the cabin, took up an ordinary telephone receiver handle and heard the submarine bell perfectly distinctly at five miles distance. The old saying, 'I'm from Missouri,' is very applicable. Once you have heard it, you will always believe in it.

"The density of water is so much greater than air that the sound wave is carried with absolute accuracy, no storm, no heavy sea, nothing interferes with it unless it be actually cut off by a point of land. Every transatlantic liner crossing the ocean carries the receiving apparatus; they carry it because it has been proved out as reliable and indispensable and it's a Boston baby. Let us not forget that. Now if the fishing vessel laying-to off the banks in a fog would carry a bell and sound it at such times as this disaster occurred, many lives might be saved.

"It is quite true that the sending forth of the bell sound from a vessel is not as far advanced as the receiving of the sound, though great strides are being made on the sound producing end, but when a vessel is laying to or anchored, and especially in such a known dangerous place as the Grand Banks where the direct path of the liners cross, a submarine bell could be used to great advantage.

"Whatever be the merits or demerits of this device is it not a pity for Boston to go on emphasizing the old and deep-seated idea that there is no good fog signal when the only one that is good and that the whole world is adopting was got up right here in our own city and by our own citizens?

JOHN P. REYNOLDS.

### Caplin Plentiful.

Inspector O'Reilly, now on board the cruiser Fiona at Lamaline, wired the following message to the Board of Trade yesterday: "Caplin plentiful all along the coast and have also struck in at Miquelon. There are not many French vessels in yet to take them. The French bankers are reported with an average catch of 700 green quintals. The weather is stormy. Traps are getting a better sign of codfish yesterday, and today, but there is nothing being done on trawls."—St. John's, N. F., Herald, June 17.